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John McGovern

Welcome this afternoon to Sheffield United and their manager Ian Porterfield who, along with the other Sheffield team this season have brought a lot of glory back to the city which is steeped in football tradition.

To reinforce their push for promotion they laid out more than £100,000 for Glenn Cockerill from Lincoln City, who along with the other six figure transfer signings in the United side, Edwards, Stancliffe and Morris make them formidable opponents.

The Blades have the largest following of any side in our division and we welcome their superb travelling support to Burnden Park.

United had a convincing victory over us at Bramall Lane on New Years' Eve so we hope that today we can reverse the result.

As this is our last home game of the season I would like to say from myself and the players a big "Thank You" for your vociferous support and also for your continuous attendance this season which has helped us average more than 5,000 a match.



You have, along with the young players at this club, kept football alive at Burnden Park and despite disappointing results over the last month, I look forward with hope and confidence that the maturity gained by the players will give us some happy days ahead.

FRONT COVER: John McGovern wins an aerial challenge during the Bournemouth game.



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SHEFFIELD UNITED

SHEFFIELD UNITED AT FULL STRETCH

Every match has been like a cup-tie for Sheffield United as they have been battling to clinch one of the three promotion places. "We really must get back into the Second Division this year," says manager Ian Porterfield.

At one point it seemed they might create Football League history this season. If they had managed to finish in top place in Division Three, the Blades would have become the first club ever to win the Championships of all four divisions.

It was back in the great days of Sheffield soccer when the Blades won the League Championship in 1898. They won the Second Division Championship in 1953 then, after the most disastrous decline in the club's history, they bounced back to top the Fourth Division in 1982.

Last season was a moderately successful one. They re-established themselves at Third Division level and finished 11th. In an endeavour to improve upon that this season, manager Ian Porterfield signed virtually a completely new defence during the last close-season.

Right-back Tom Heffernan was signed from Bournemouth whilst left-back Joe Bolton came from Middlesbrough. Centre-back Paul Staniforth was signed from Rotherham and he has partnered both Mike Henderson and Gary West in the middle of the back four.

Paul Tomlinson has taken over from Keith Waugh in goal whilst the midfield has been comprising of Kevin Arnott, Paul Garner, Ray McHale and Glenn Cockerill, a recent signing from Lincoln.

The Blades do, of course, place the emphasis very much upon attack and the two men up front who have been playing so well are Keith Edwards and Colin Morris. Edwards scored his 39th goal of the season against Bristol Rovers.

Sheffield United have won nine away League matches — at Lincoln (2-0), Walsall (2-1), Millwall (2-1), Plymouth (1-0), Newport (2-0), Brentford (3-1), Exeter (2-1), Bournemouth (1-0), Rotherham (1-0) and Southend (1-0).

They drew at Oxford (2-2), Bristol Rovers (1-1), Preston (2-2) and Scunthorpe (1-1).

The Blades were beaten at Hull City (1-4), Orient (0-2), Burnley (1-2), Port Vale (0-2), Wimbledon (1-3), Gillingham (2-4), Wigan (0-3) and Bradford City (1-2).

In the F.A. Cup they won 5-1 at Wrexham and, after drawing 0-0 at Lincoln, won the replay 1-0. They were held at home by Birmingham (1-1) in the third round and went out 0-2 in the replay.

A 2-1 aggregate victory saw them through the first round of the Milk Cup against Bradford City and they then went out 3-4 on aggregate to Shrewsbury.

Sheffield United won their way through to the semi-finals of the Associate Members Cup and met Hull City last week. In earlier rounds they won 1-0 at Rotherham, 2-1 at home to Bradford City and 3-2 at Scunthorpe.

Sheffield United F.C. was formed in 1889 and they have

won the F.A. Cup four times in six finals and the League Championship once — in 1898.

It was in 1898, incidentally, when Bramall Lane claimed a record still unique. Yorkshire C.C.C. took the County Cricket Championship trophy back to the ground whilst Sheffield United F.C. returned with the League Championship shield. It became the only ground to house together England's football and cricket champions.

Cricket is no longer played at Bramall Lane because the football club recently entered a redevelopment plan and a new stand now stands on the cricket square.

The Blades became one of the founder members of the Football League's Second Division in 1892 and won promotion at the first attempt. They remained in the top sphere for 37 seasons — one of the longest runs on record — until they hit a bad patch in 1933/34 and dropped down again.

They regained their First Division status, after a thrilling struggle with neighbouring Sheffield Wednesday, in 1939.

The post-war years have seen the club float up and down between the top two sections. Relegation in 1949 was followed by promotion in 1953, relegation again in 1956 and promotion in 1961.

The Blades were relegated again in 1968 but it took them only three years to regain their place. This time they remained a First Division club until 1976.

That relegation triggered off their most dramatic decline. In 1979 the Blades dropped into the Third Division for the first time and, two years later, they found themselves in Division Four. Fortunately, they managed to halt the slide and the Sheffield side won the Fourth Division championship at the first attempt.

It is now over half a century since Sheffield United won a major trophy, their last success being a 1-0 victory over Cardiff City in the 1925 F.A. Cup final.

Happily, better times are ahead and it may not be long before the Blades are once again challenging for the game's top prizes.

PAUL TOMLINSON (Goalkeeper). Paul is a local lad who was given his first game in League football against Southend at Bramall Lane in November. He was not severely tested then, as the Blades won 5-0, but he had a fine game a week later when he helped his team to end Bristol Rovers 100 per cent home record by drawing 1-1. He has since been holding his place.

TOM HEFFERNAN (Defender). Tom was signed from Bournemouth for £30,000 during the early weeks of this season. He was once on Tottenham's books but didn't get a senior outing with them. After joining Bournemouth on a free transfer in 1979, he soon got his League career under way.

PAUL STANCLIFFE (Defender). Paul was signed from neighbouring Rotherham during the last close-season. He

was blooded in Rotherham's first-team in 1975 and remained a permanent member of their senior squad until losing his place last season.

GARY WEST (Defender). Gary completed his apprenticeship with the Blades and won a firm place after being drafted into the side last season.

JOE BOLTON (Defender). Joe spent almost 10 years as a Sunderland first-teamer and was transferred to Middlesbrough for £100,000 in 1981. He moved on to Bramall Lane this season.

KEVIN ARNOTT (Midfield). Kevin began as a Sunderland apprentice and got his first chance in their League eleven in 1976/77. He made around 150 first-team appearances for the Roker club and was transferred to Sheffield United during the summer of 1982. Last season he spent a brief period on loan to Blackburn.

RAY McHALE (Midfield). Ray started League football with Chesterfield in 1971 and was their leading scorer in 1972/73. He moved on to Halifax in 1974 and in 1975/76 he was their top scorer, too. Swindon signed him in 1976 and he remained with them until signing for Brighton in 1980. Within weeks he was on the move again, to Barnsley, and he was transferred to Sheffield United in the 1982 close-season.

GARY BRAZIL (Midfield). Gary was a reserve player in his Crystal Palace days but he got his first few outings in Sheffield United's League eleven three seasons back.

GLENN COCKERILL (Midfield). Glenn was signed from Lincoln shortly before this season's transfer deadline. He first played in Lincoln's League eleven in 1977 but moved

on to Swindon for £110,000 in 1980. Lincoln re-signed him for £40,000 a year later.

ROBERT ATKINS (Midfield). Robert developed in the junior teams at Bramall Lane and made a few League outings last season. He has recently been back in the squad.

PAUL GARNER (Midfield). Paul spent three years in Huddersfield's first-team before joining Sheffield United in 1975. Though normally a defender, Paul has been playing in midfield this season.

KEITH EDWARDS (Forward). Keith is now the Third Division's leading scorer with 39 goals prior to Saturday's game. He scored four times against Gillingham and Wrexham (in the F.A. Cup) and bagged hat-tricks against Southend and Orient. Keith began his career at Bramall Lane, leading the club's scoring list with 18 in 1976/77. Hull City signed him for £60,000 in 1978 and for three seasons he was their top scorer with 25, 20 and 17. It was during the early weeks of 1981/82 that Keith returned to Bramall Lane in a £95,000 deal but he lost no time in starting to repay the investment. He ended up with a magnificent tally of 36 goals for the Blades — plus one he had popped in for Hull. He scored 13 goals last season.

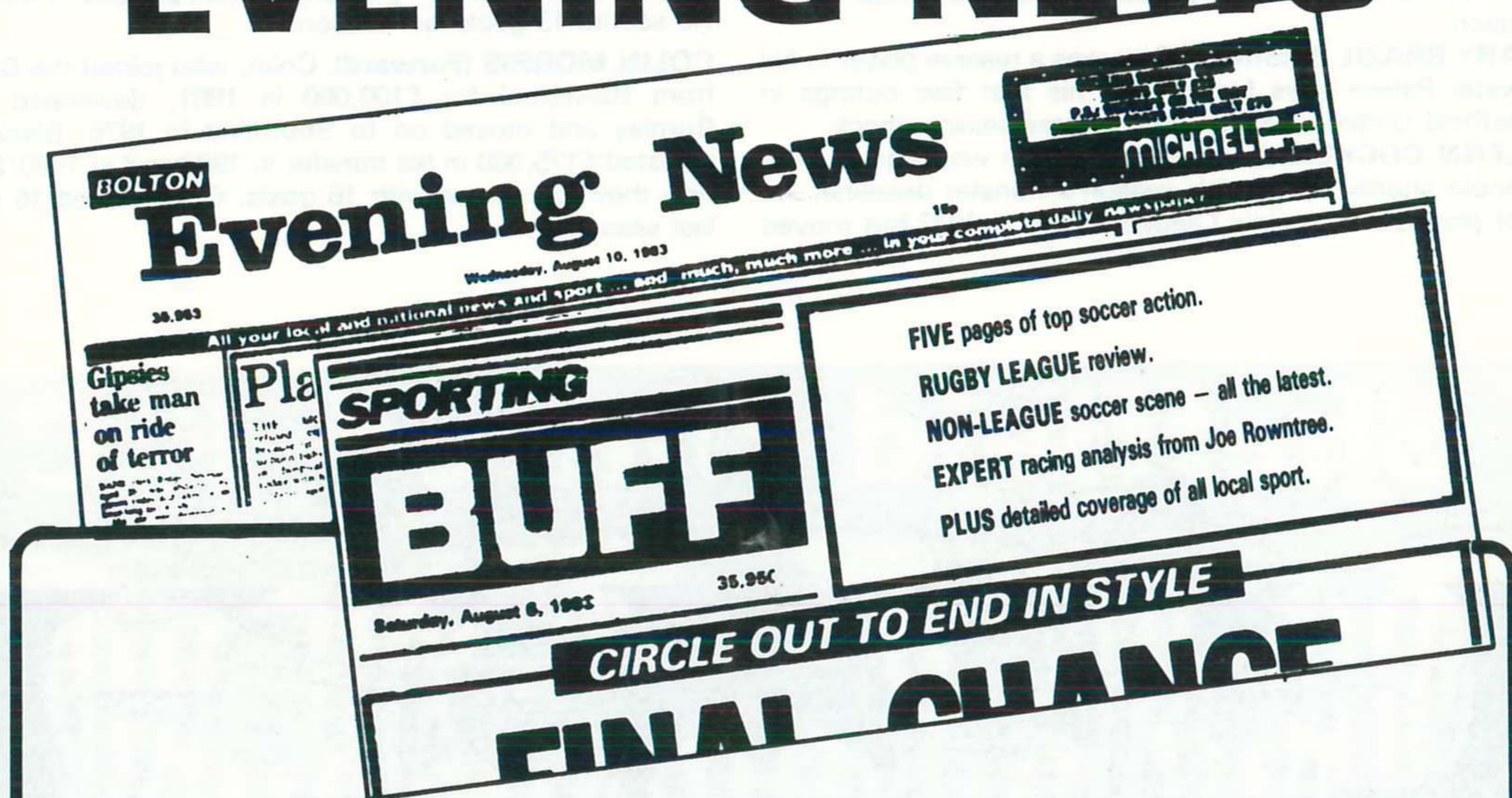
COLIN MORRIS (Forward). Colin, who joined the Blades from Blackpool for £100,000 in 1981, developed with Burnley and moved on to Southend in 1976. Blackpool invested £175,000 in his transfer in 1980 and in 1980/81 he was their top scorer with 16 goals. Colin scored 16 goals last season.



Back Row: Mike Henderson, Gary Brazil, Ray McHale, Keith Waugh, Tony Kenworthy, Steve Charles, Paul Garner.
Middle Row: Gary West, Mike Trusson (now Rotherham), Paul Stancliffe, Joe Bolton, Bob Atkins.
Front Row: John McSeveney, Colin Morris, Ian Porterfield (Manager), Keith Edwards, J. Dixon.

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Previous Encounters

Today's game with the Blades will be the 94th Football League meeting between the clubs, this being the first at Third Division level to be staged at Burnden.

To date United have won 40 games to Bolton's 37 with 328 goals scored between the clubs these encounters having a knack of being high scoring and entertaining with only 3 ending goalless.

The first League meetings between the clubs took place in 1893 with United completing the double with a 4-2 home win and a 1-0 away victory at Pikes Lane.

Boxing Day 1902 saw the highest winning margin when United ran out 7-1 winners at Bramall Lane before a crowd of 21,806 that paid £618. The Wanderers lost Taylor through injury early on and just before half time were reduced to nine men when Tracey left the field. Half time came with United 2-1 up with their goals coming from Lapsham and Common with Bell replying for the Wanderers. United ran riot in the second half with goals from Bennett (2) Davies Common and Chapman.

Bolton's best victory in the League against United has been by a 6-1 margin which was registered in September 1906 and December 1948 both at Burnden.

The first of the aforementioned games saw Bolton romp into a four goal half time lead with White, McEwan and Shepherd (2) on the mark with second half goals from Shepherd who completed his hat trick and Cameron, with Bluff replying for United. This was in complete contrast with the game that took place in 1948 in which all seven goals were scored in the second half.

More recently our paths crossed in the Second Division when between 1976 and 1978 the Wanderers won 4 of the 6 games played. The last League game between the sides here at Burnden took place in August 1977 when the Wanderers ran out 2-1 winners. Peter Reid gave Bolton the lead after only 3 minutes but Alan Woodward equalised for the Blades in the 35th minute. The game was heading for a draw until the final minute when Neil Whatmore cracked home Bolton's winner. The teams for the game were Bolton: McDonagh, Ritson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Taylor. Sub G. Jones.

Sheffield Utd: Conroy, Cutbush, Garner, Speight, Colquhoun, Franks, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Hamson, Hamilton. Sub Kenworthy.

The following January Bolton went to Bramall Lane and won 5-1 with one of their best displays of the season this being their best win there since 1911 when a 5-0 win was recorded.

Earlier this season the Wanderers were on the end of a 5-0 drubbing at Bramall Lane in the first ever Third Division game between the sides.

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together on 7 occasions. The first was in 1890 when the Wanderers registered their highest ever win in a competitive game with a 13-0 scoreline. The competitions of 1902 and 1904 saw both clubs win one tie each with the Wanderers winning the latter. United won the semi final of 1915 at Ewood Park but Bolton gained revenge in 1923 with a single goal win at Old Trafford.

United have had the better of the more recent ties winning at Bolton in 1956 and at Bramall Lane in 1963.

Our only League Cup encounter was in 1963 with the Wanderers winning 2-1 at Bramall Lane.

'Flashback'

5 years ago 1st May 1979. The best gate of the season, 35,200, came to Burnden to see champions Liverpool. The Wanderers were unchanged from Saturday's game with Wolves.

Liverpool were in top form and ran out 4-1 winners with a couple of goals from Ray Kennedy with Kenny Dalglish and David Johnson getting the others. The Wanderers' goal came in the 63rd minute when Graeme Souness put through his own goal to put the Wanderers in with a chance but Liverpool simply moved up a gear to increase their lead.

Wanderers full back Tony Dunne played his last game for the club before going to America to play for Detroit Express.

5th May 1979. The lowest league gate of the season 17,394 was at Burnden for the visit of Aston Villa. David Burke came in at full back for Tony Dunne but the game was a typical end of season non-competitive show. Villa created the better chances although Bolton had more possession and claims for a penalty when Ken McNaught appeared to handle the ball were turned down.

Frank Worthington was ordered to honour his agreement with Philadelphia Fury for the summer after Dallas Tornado had started negotiations.

8th May 1979. Bolton's final League game of the season saw Tottenham Hotspur visit Burnden Park.

Tad Nowak came into the side in place of Willie Morgan in an otherwise unchanged line up.

Campbell.

Taylor and the rest of his Second Division team by MacFarland and Mick Jones—hit-yourself plan to get their man.

erby, who nearly went out of business £1million before Taylor's arrival also bought Nottingham Forest for £135,000 this summer.

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● After signing a four-year contract with the League champions, Robinson last night said: "This has to be my ultimate achievement."

It was a disappointing end to the season as Spurs ran out 3-1 winners leaving the Wanderers with only 3 points to show from the final 8 games.

Frank Worthington opened the scoring in the 13th minute with a swerving drive from a free kick but Mark Falco equalised on the half hour. Spurs won the game with Sam Allardyce putting through his own net and Jimmy Holmes getting their third.

Reserve Report

25th April 1984. Bolton Wanderers Res. 3 West Brom. Res. 1 Wanderers reserves continued their improvement in form with a 3-1 win over high flying West Brom at Burnden.

Albion had taken the lead in the 31st minute when Barry Cowdrill sent a left foot shot into the corner of the net from a free kick 20 yards out.

It was some sloppy defensive work by Cowdrill who 5 minutes later saw his weak backpass collected by Dean Roberts whose shot was cleared by the legs of Albion keeper Ron Green. Green was kept busy by Mark Came when he saved his header at the foot of the post from a John McGovern cross.

The second half was only 5 minutes old when the Wanderers were awarded a penalty. John McGovern weaving his way through the Albion defence was brought down by Garry Robson. George Oghani stepped up to convert the kick to put the Wanderers back into the game.

Bolton were now on top and Jimmy Phillips saw a 20 yard shot tipped round the post and John McGovern found himself with only the keeper to beat but the chance went begging.

In the 61st minute the Wanderers took the lead when after a defensive mix up George Oghani latched onto a weak backpass to round the keeper and walk the ball into the net.

Albion slowly came back into the game and were unlucky not to equalise in the 76th minute when Perry hit the bar after he had found himself clear.

The Wanderers had the final word after Warren Joyce had stung Green's fingers with a 20 yard free kick, Dean Roberts netted a couple of minutes from time to win the points.

Paul Booth who was playing right back for the second week, again had an impressive game and Mark Came gave a good account in the middle of the defence.

After a quiet first half George Oghani asserted himself well with his second goal showing an awareness for the half chance.

Team: Farnworth, Booth, Phillips, McGovern, Came, Berry Walker, Rudge, Roberts, Joyce, Oghani, Sub Coghiel for Walker.

Junior Whites

Today's mascot is Chris Kirkman who lives on Mather Street, Farnworth. Chris is 10 years old and attends Kearsley West Junior School where he plays for the school team.

He also attends the 3rd Farnworth Cub Scouts.

The next Junior Whites meeting the last of the season will be on the 14th May at 6.30 p.m. in the Executive Suite.



Half Marathon Success

The Wanderers half marathon held on Sunday 29th April was run by over 600 athletes with the winner being pre race favourite Steve Kenyon.

Thanks must go to all the supporters who helped in marshalling and other administrative duties on the day with a special mention to co-organisers Gretta Rainford and David Bishop.

It is hoped to arrange a fun run later in the year over a shorter distance and details will be in the programme when available.



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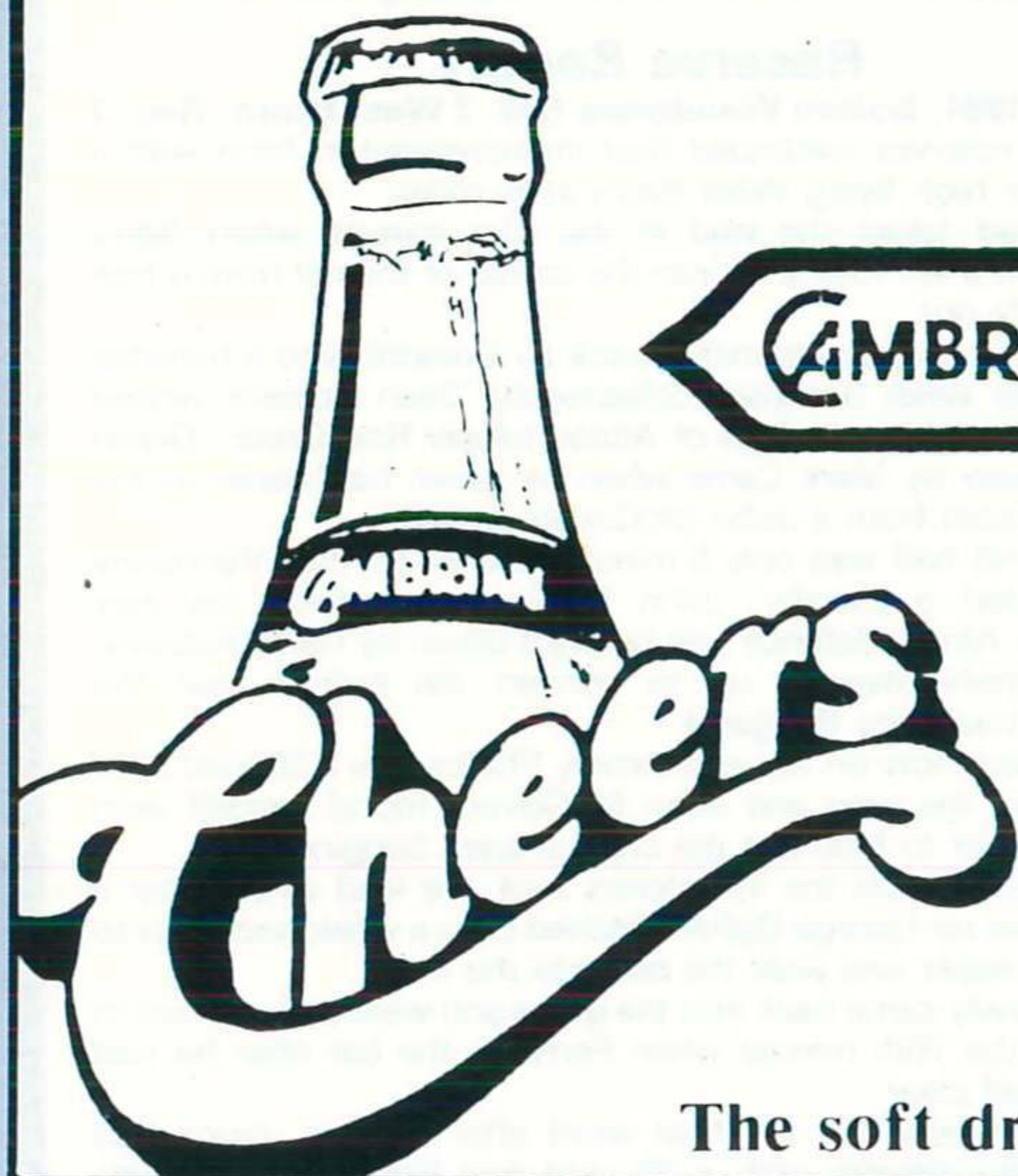
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TAYLOR

A GUT FEELING FOR THE GAME

By Colin Benson

"That was one of the best press conferences I have ever heard from a defeated manager," exclaimed one journalist as he jostled his way through the crowded passageway to get back to his phone.

The man who had delivered a masterpiece in rhetoric was bespectacled, dapper, Graham Taylor, who had just seen his Watford team crushed 6-1 by Norwich City.

Taylor, a boyish 39, can sometimes look like a primary school teacher on a day out with the kids, but when it comes to talking football he is always precise, revealing and positive and above all honest.

It is this instinct for honesty that has always been the hallmark of his life. It was there in abundant evidence as a player in a career which took him from a Scunthorpe Grammar School at the age of 17 to

professional football at Grimsby Town. He moved on to captain Lincoln City and was a solid defender until at the age of 28 his career was abruptly ended by a hip injury.

Throughout his life in the professional game Taylor's enquiring mind has been puzzled. Puzzled by attitudes within the game, mystified by the bonds of secrecy and by managers who rarely talked about football.

"I became a manager when I was 28 at Lincoln," he says "and this is now my eleventh season and there is no doubt that managing a football club now is far harder than it was when I first started.

"The attitudes of the people in the game have changed. When you try and negotiate terms with players these days it is not a matter of discussion. You are dealing with agents. Players have so many off-the-field activities these days it is a wonder they find time to play football.

"The commercialism affects their minds, the business and the glory of playing the game eventually seems to leave a lot of players.

"They become involved in a great deal of business revolving around finance and sponsorships. Not that I am against sponsorship, football needs it and we at Watford are involved in such a scheme, but I fear that players are not hungry enough these days and that some of the actual gut feeling for the game is missing. It certainly isn't even as strong as it was ten years ago, and that disappoints me.

"I believe you should always stand your corner and those people that still have a gut feeling for the game should stand up and be counted.

"We should say 'look, this game is actually about getting out on to that field and playing'. Players are paid to play the game. In my opinion they are not employed to pass comment in the press on managers, coaches or other players or to write or put their names to controversial articles . . . They are employed to get out there and do their stuff, entertain the people."

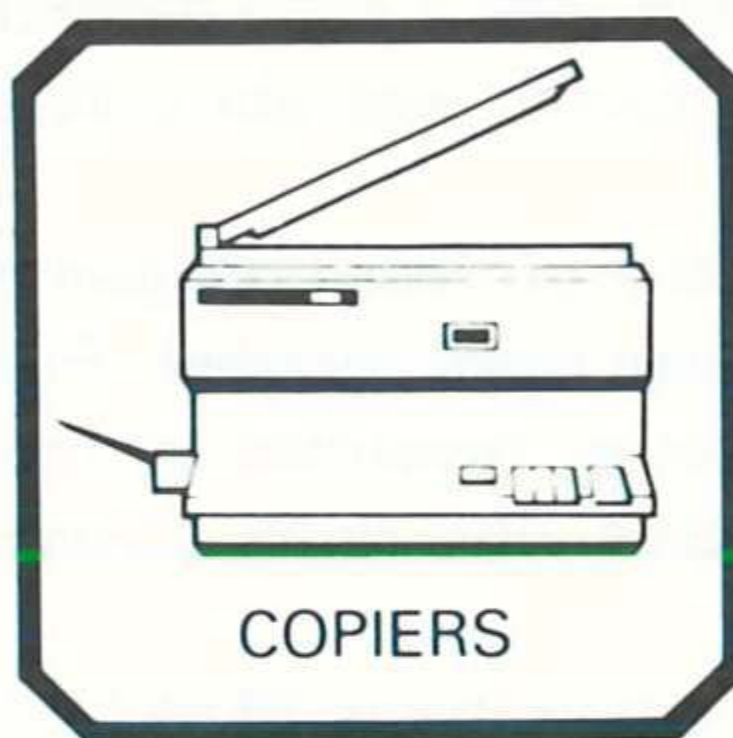
As always Graham Taylor has little time for cheats and those pampered superstars who draw enormous wage packets and expect even more just leave him cold.

"How can anyone understand the kind of wage earnings that some players in England are now earning?" he queries. "Quite honestly I feel that football has come away from the man on the terraces to such a degree since the late sixties that we have lost a lot of understanding.

"The man on the terraces who pays his money to watch cannot understand the philosophy that goes on in football. How can he when he is probably on the dole!"

The Watford boss does not advocate a return to the maximum wage but he does think that common sense is needed to stabilise the tottering economy of the football business.

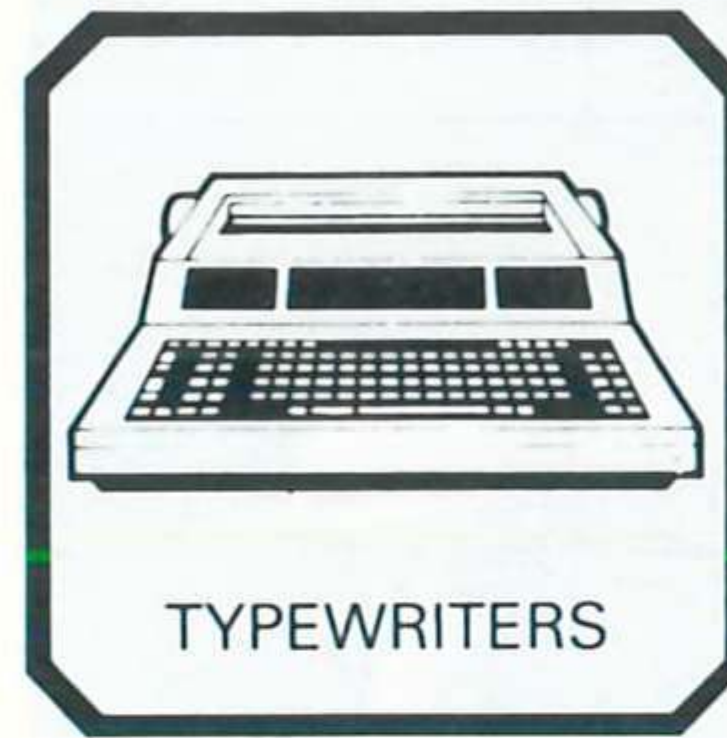
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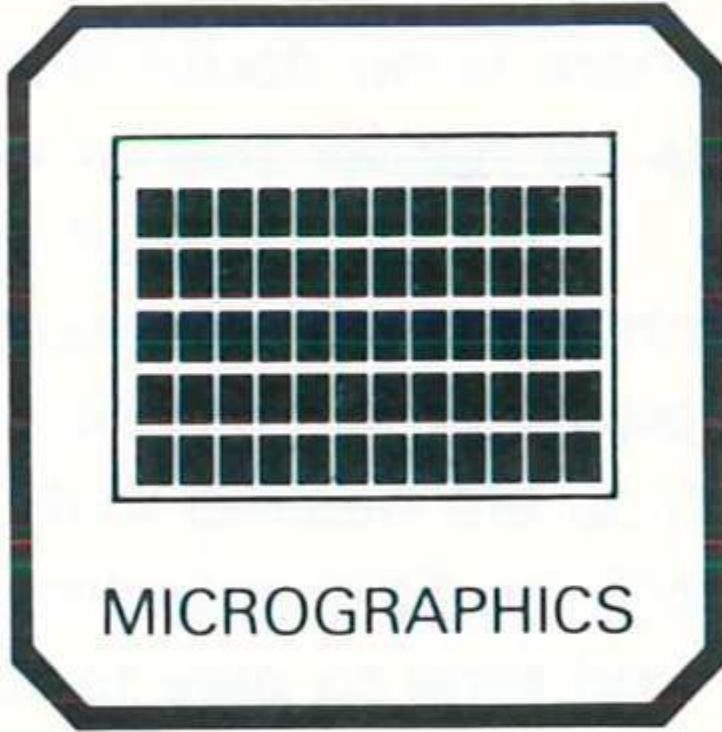
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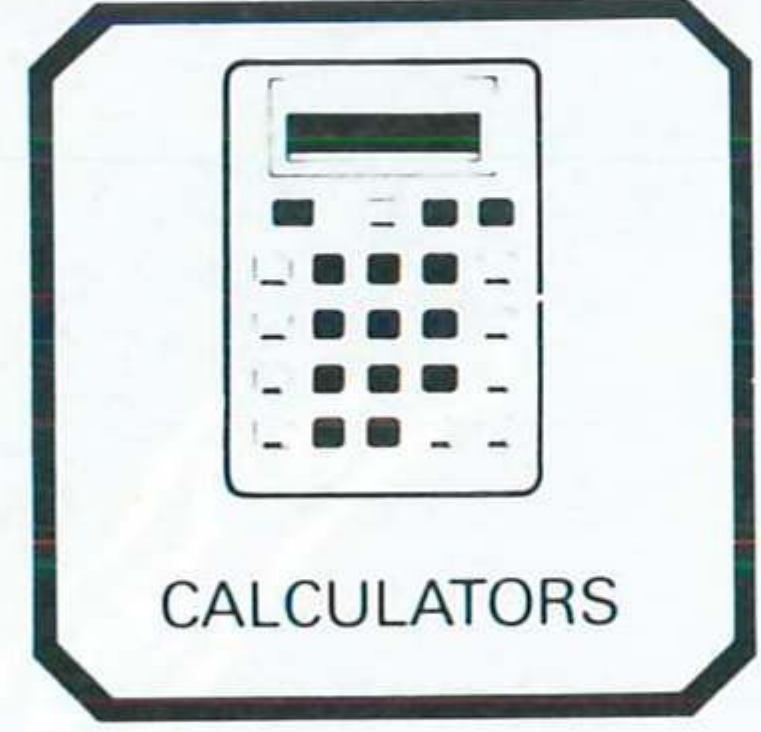
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Bradley's BRIEF



Ray Bradley of the 'Sunday Express' writes for you

The decline and fall of Ipswich is one of the saddest stories in soccer.

They are now battling to avoid relegation, bereft of six international stars, deep in debt and only a shadow of the team Bobby Robson once led to the brink of a First Division championship.

The departure of Robson to manage England came as a bitter blow to the ambitious East Anglian club and sparked off some star wars in the dressing room and, inevitably, an exodus of star talent that has not been replaced.

Robson had been very much the boss at Portman Road for 13 years. He was a shrewd manipulator in the transfer market, a great motivator and a man who inspired both confidence and respect.

He was a hard act to follow as his successor Bobby Ferguson will testify. Ferguson is a tough 46-year-old Geordie, an abrasive character — some players say far too abrasive — and must now wrestle with the problems of a club losing £8,000 a week with gates in sad decline and confidence dropping with each defeat.

NEW PASTURES

The crippling debts has meant the axe for several members of the staff who have been asked to take voluntary redundancies. And despite the sale of six internationals Ferguson has been inhibited by the financial restrictions imposed by directors who built a new £1.5 million grandstand that has now become a Blue Elephant — playing to a declining audience.

Ironically the players who have left Ipswich in the last two years are now savouring the sweet smell of success with other clubs.

Players of character and skill like Arnold Muhren now starring with Manchester United and his old Dutch team mate Frans Thijssen now playing a prominent role in the rise of Forest.

Former skipper Mick Mills who made over 700 appearances for the club in a distinguished career, is now giving stalwart service to Southampton while Alan Brazil is currently finding his best form with Spurs.

The recent departure of pay rebels Paul Mariner — now with Arsenal — and John Wark who moved to Liverpool before the transfer deadline, only emphasise the discontent in the dressing room that has rumbled on all season. You cannot sell all your best players and continue to contest honours at top level.

GENTLEMEN

My first and only encounter with new boss Ferguson was short and sharp — just outside the Ipswich board room. He told me to "Naff Off" which for him was quite polite. A diplomat he is not, but I understand I am in pretty good company judging by the Ipswich

Press Box which is no longer cluttered with members of the national Press.

No matter. I hold no grudges. I still go to Portman Road with my mate, but we stand on the terraces. Ferguson has his own problems to deal with and will need all his eloquence and motivating powers to lift a side that is short of confidence and ability.

Ipswich chairman Patrick Cobbold once dismissed rumours of a crisis with the immortal remark. "Crisis? The only crisis we have at this club is when we run out of white wine."

He is a gentleman whom I have long respected like his brother the late and much-loved Mr. John. An invitation into the Ipswich board room was always cherished by any fun-loving journalist.

I hope Ipswich stay up. I wish them well. I hope the players show the pride and passion that was once a trademark at Portman Road. I wish Bobby Ferguson good fortune. His script is weak but I still like the other actors.



ALAN BRAZIL left Portman Road for White Hart Lane



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FIFA CLARIFY THEIR POSITION ON THE BRAZILIAN TOURNAMENT

The intervention of the games world governing body FIFA, which resulted in Brazil cancelling their proposed summer tournament, which was to feature, Brazil, England, Holland and Argentina, disappointed many fans.

Subsequently single one-off games have been arranged so that England will after all play the Brazilians in Rio on June 10th and then go on to meet Uruguay and Chile, but the objections over the original plans have caused some bitter resentment.

FIFA are conscious of the bad publicity they have received over this matter and another involving a tour to South East Asia by a scratch team from South America and accordingly have issued the following statement explaining their role as supervisor and controller of the world game.

Two recent incidents — the interruption or cancellation rather of a tour to East Asia by a scratch team from South America and the non-realisation of the "Mundialito" which had been planned to take place in Brazil with six national teams next June — make us feel that it is important to recall the supervisory function of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association in the game of football. "The objects of the Federation are, to control football by taking steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for preventing infringements of the Statutes, Regulations and Standing Orders of the Congress of the FIFA or of the Laws of the Game as laid down

by the International Football Association Board. To *prevent* the introduction of other improper methods or practices in the game, and to *protect* it from abuses.

As far as the second case was concerned, the so-called "Mundialito" planned in Brazil, before an official request from the organising Association had reached the Internal Federation's General Secretariat, FIFA recalled to the Brazilian Association to observe Art. 40.

"1. International Competitions between teams representing National Associations other than the FIFA World Cup shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation."

"2. The organisation of such Competitions, the Rules of which shall be approved by the Federation, can be delegated to Confederation. Provisions must be made in the Rules for the percentage due to FIFA to be paid in accordance with Art. 37 and for adequate disciplinary action, if and when necessary to be taken against players and officials."

At the same time, FIFA pointed out that it could not allow any international "A" competitions in June as this could endanger another competition approved by FIFA (namely, the European Football Championship) through TV transmissions schedule for Europe.

Within this context, FIFA recalled: "Live or deferred television of any

match in any country other than the one in which the match is played shall be subject to the permission of the National Association concerned".

This warning made the Brazilian Football Confederation give up the "Mundialito" on its own initiative. In no way is it true — as was spread around by part of the international press — that FIFA had called off this tournament.

Both these cases are not secondary indications in international football. On the contrary, they reveal more and more a certain trend which — if it is not stopped and the guilty parties reprimanded — could place Association Football and the Federation which rules it, FIFA, in a dangerous situation.

On the occasion of the 44th Ordinary Congress of FIFA to take place on 21 May 1984 in Zurich together with the 80th Anniversary celebrations, the FIFA President Dr. João Havelange will be making an appeal in this respect to the delegations of the National Associations and Continental Confederations.

For the time being, FIFA just want to point out these two cases and ask all National Associations, when organising international games, to observe the provisions of the Statutes and Regulations of the Federation to which they belong — the same Statutes and Regulations which they signed in decisions of Congress.

**Bobby
Charlton
Honoured**

On the occasion of the celebrations marking the 80th Anniversary of FIFA, tribute will be paid to meritorious personalities who have had a bearing on football in the past years.

These include the Honorary President of FIFA, Sir Stanley Rous, particularly for the extraordinary services he has rendered in the sectors of the Laws of the Game and refereeing; then, the former national coach of Germany FR, Helmut Schön who marked a whole epoch in the history of football and won gold, silver and bronze medals with the Germany FR team at the World Cups.

The following players will also be honoured: Pelé who tasted World Cup glory at the age of 17 at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden and crowned his career with another World Cup title in Mexico in 1970 (when the actual President of FIFA was President of the Brazilian Football Confederation), Franz Beckenbauer who determined the style of football in the past decade and became world champion with the Germany FR national team in Munich in 1974, Bobby Charlton, the gentleman footballer from England, world champion in 1966, Dino Zoff, who has played in over 115 international "A" games at the age of 42 and became world champion with the Squadra Azzurra in Spain in 1982 as crowning conclusion to his career.

These special guests of honour of FIFA will be officially honoured on 21 May and will be presented to the public and TV spectators worldwide on the occasion of the World Cup "return" match on 22 May.

Besides these honours, special tribute will be made to the seven founding members of FIFA, namely, France, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.



The 1986 World Cup tournament gets under way this May when Sweden open the proceedings, on the 23rd, with a home match against Malta in Group 2 of the preliminary competition.

Four days later Northern Ireland take their first steps in Finland, in Group 3, which also features England.

The remainder of the European competitors do not commence their competition until next autumn and it will not be until November 1985 that we will know who has actually earned the right to make the trip to Mexico for the Final stages of the greatest international tournament in world football.

On the home front England enter the arena next October with a Wembley date against Finland but we have to hang on until February 1985 for the eagerly awaited set too with Northern Ireland in Belfast.

Wales play it cool with a trip to Iceland in September and the following month travel to Spain for a crucial game. Scotland, also drawn in Group 7 with Mike England's team, also start their campaign against Iceland, at Hampden Park, where the Brits clash in March 1985.

The Republic of Ireland, who were surprisingly thrashed 3-0 in Israel recently, have to overcome England's European Championship tormentors, Denmark, if they are to join Group 6 favourites Russia in the finals. The Irish start at the top with a home fixture against the Russian's in September.

Here are the fixtures for the U.K. contenders:

Group 3 (*England, Northern Ireland, Romania, Turkey, Finland*)

27. 5.84	Finland v Northern Ireland
12. 9.84	Northern Ireland v Romania
17.10.84	England v Finland
31.10.84	Turkey v Finland
14.11.84	Northern Ireland v Finland
14.11.84	Turkey v England
27. 2.85	Northern Ireland v England
3. 4.85	Romania v Turkey
1. 5.85	Northern Ireland v Turkey
1. 5.85	Romania v England
22. 5.85	Finland v England
6. 6.85	Finland v Romania
28. 8.85	Romania v Finland
11. 9.85	Turkey v Northern Ireland
11. 9.85	England v Romania
25. 9.85	Finland v Turkey
16.10.85	Romania v Northern Ireland
16.10.85	England v Turkey
13.11.85	England v Northern Ireland
14.11.85	Turkey v Romania

Group 6 (*USSR, Denmark, Republic of Ireland, Switzerland, Norway*)

12. 9.84	Ireland Rep. v USSR
12. 9.84	Norway v Switzerland
26. 9.84	Denmark v Norway
10.10.84	Norway v USSR
17.10.84	Switzerland v Denmark
17.10.84	Norway v Ireland Rep.
14.11.84	Denmark v Ireland Rep.
17. 4.85	Switzerland v USSR
1. 5.85	Ireland Rep. v Norway
2. 5.85	USSR v Switzerland
2. 6.85	Ireland Rep. v Switzerland
5. 6.85	Denmark v USSR
11. 9.85	Switzerland v Ireland Rep.
25. 9.85	USSR v Denmark
9.10.85	Denmark v Switzerland
16.10.85	Norway v Denmark
16.10.85	USSR v Ireland Rep.
	USSR v Norway
13.11.85	Switzerland v Norway
13.11.85	Ireland Rep. v Denmark

Group 7 (*Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland*)

12. 9.84	Iceland v Wales
17.10.84	Spain v Wales
17.10.84	Scotland v Iceland
14.11.84	Scotland v Spain
14.11.84	Wales v Iceland
27. 2.85	Spain v Scotland
27. 3.85	Scotland v Wales
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In the world of religion it is often the case that a convert has greater zeal than those brought up in the faith. If there is a sporting parallel, then perhaps John Maiden is an example of a zealous convert to the cause of soccer spectatorship.

Ten years ago John was a typical armchair supporter — following the rise of his local side, Norwich City, from the Third to the First Division — but relying on second-hand newspaper, radio and tv coverage.

Then, one Saturday afternoon, he accepted the offer of a seat in the main stand at Carrow Road, and this encounter with live soccer led to his conversion.

It wasn't long before John, and the other members of his family, became season-ticket holders; then he got involved with the development of "Junior Canaries"; and this, in turn, led him to formulate a proposal for the promotion of SAFE — shorthand for "Soccer As Family Entertainment."

As a teacher specialising in Physical Education, John was well aware that soccer was as popular as ever with youngsters — yet few of his pupils were being taken to League matches. When he remedied this situation by organising coach parties, for pupils and parents, it soon became apparent that there was a great many armchair supporters, ripe for conversion, once they could be convinced that taking their children to a League ground really was "SAFE".

A full-time M.A. Degree course in Educational Research, at the University of East Anglia, gave

John the opportunity to produce a video film which helped to get the SAFE message across to teachers and parents; and this small-scale research gave him the idea for a larger project to be based in East Anglia.

At the beginning of the current season SAFE was launched, with full support from the Football League, and sponsored by Milk Cup sponsors, the National Dairy Council.

The initial focus was on Norwich City and Ipswich Town; and, under the SAFE scheme, both Clubs circulated all schools in Norfolk and Suffolk with details of special concessions for school parties.

Teachers were given the choice of communicating directly with the Clubs or with John, in his capacity as Project Co-ordinator, if they needed reassurance that it would really be SAFE to take up the offers.

John is still in the process of writing his end-of-season report for the Football League and the Dairy Council, but he has been delighted with the responses he has received from the Clubs, and from the many schools which have been involved.

The success of the project can be judged, he thinks, from the interest which is already being generated by media coverage of SAFE. "Schools which have hesitated this season", he says, "are now seeing reports in the press which are full of praise for the initiatives introduced by the Clubs; and these are already bringing inquiries from teachers and parents with regard to next season."

Looking to next season, John is optimistic that SAFE will continue to develop — not only in East Anglia but throughout the country.

In February a SAFE Progress Report was issued, and this led to enquiries, and offers of information, from more than half of the 92 Canon League Clubs.

Following up these enquiries has taken him more than 10,000 miles in less than 3 months, but in this he has been greatly assisted by "Freight Rover" who presented him with a SHERPA minibus at the Milk Cup semi-final tie at Villa Park on February 22nd.

He is pictured here with Dave Stringer, Norwich City's Youth Team Coach, on a day when the minibus was being used to take players on visits to schools in the King's Lynn area. John has found that Clubs like to see players involved in getting the SAFE message across, and the minibus has proved very useful in this respect.

However, the most important aspect of SAFE, to date, appears to be the need for Clubs to offer families an attractive package if youngsters are to follow up the initial contact. Too often, it seems, parents are deterred from bringing their children to matches because they are unaware of the excellent concessions which are available. John is very pleased to be able to report, for example, that a child can obtain a seat at Anfield (to watch the League Champions) for just £1.40; and Everton should be as well known for its "Family Club", and Family concessions, as it is for Toffees and Cup appearances.

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Part 27 — by Tony Pullein

THIRD DIVISION. This is only our second spell as a Third Division club. Our complete record in this section is:

Season	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts	Psn
1971/72	46	17	16	13	51	41	50	7th
1972/73	46	25	11	10	73	39	61	1st

THOMPSON, Peter. Peter was an England winger of great distinction who spent the last five seasons of his League playing days with Bolton. He started out with Preston but Liverpool manager Billy Shankly invested £40,000 in his transfer in 1963. He won two League Championship medals with the Reds and was a member of their F.A. Cup winning side in 1965. He won 16 full England caps and would have won many more had not Sir Alf Ramsey adopted a policy to do away with wingers.

Peter came to Bolton in 1973, initially on loan. The full transfer was completed for £20,000.

League record:

		Apps.	Gls.
PRESTON	1960/61	38	7
	1961/62	42	9
LIVERPOOL	1962/63	42	4
	1963/64	42	6
	1964/65	38	5
	1965/66	40	5
	1966/67	42	10
	1967/68	41	2
	1968/69	42	9
	1969/70	39	3
	1970/71	24(4)	2
	1971/72	9(1)	—
BOLTON	1972/73	—	—
	1973/74	—	—
	1973/74	24	—
	1974/75	41	1
	1975/76	38	1
	1976/77	6(5)	—
	1977/78	2(1)	—
		550(11)	64

VALENTINE, Peter. Peter served his apprenticeship with Huddersfield Town and made his League debut for them during 1981/82. He came to Burnden Park last summer and quickly settled down in our back four.

League record:

	Apps.	Gls.
HUDDERSFIELD 1981/82	14	1
1982/83	5	—
BOLTON *1983/84	39	1
	58	2

*Up to and including April 21st.

VIZARD, Ted. Ted was a brilliant winger who made his Bolton debut in 1910 and who won his first Welsh cap in his first season. He went on to represent his country in 22 internationals and he played on the Bolton wing for over 20 years, starring in our F.A. Cup final victories of 1923 and 1926.

When his playing days were over, Ted joined our coaching staff but he was destined for big things in this field, too. Swindon appointed his manager in 1933 and he later managed Queens Park Rangers and Wolves. His League record:

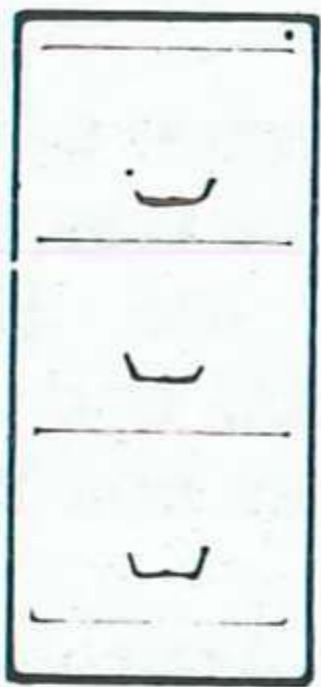
	Apps.	Gls.
BOLTON 1910/11	23	4
1911/12	33	2
1912/13	31	3
1913/14	31	5
1914/15	38	6
1919/20	39	4
1920/21	28	2
1921/22	35	3
1922/23	38	2
1923/24	40	1
1924/25	31	4
1925/26	38	13
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1927/28	18	4
1928/29	7	3
1929/30	4	—
1930/31	3	1
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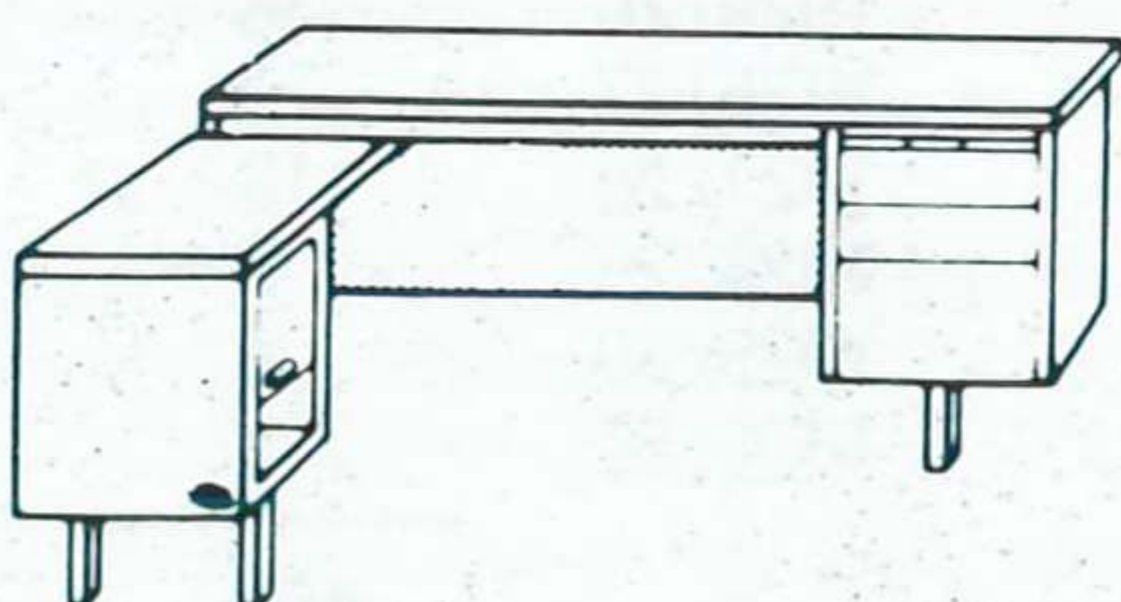
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Jeff Chandler jumps to block the path of Bournemouth's Mark Nightingale.
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FACTS

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(UP TO AND INCLUDING WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 1984)

	HOME			AWAY			GOALS			GOALS			Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oxford United	43	16	4	1	54	19	10	6	6	31	27	88			
Wimbledon	43	15	5	2	57	32	9	4	8	35	40	81			
Sheffield United	43	13	7	1	53	16	10	4	8	29	32	80			
Hull City	42	15	4	2	40	10	6	9	6	27	26	76			
Bristol Rovers	44	15	5	2	44	19	6	7	9	21	33	75			
Walsall	43	13	4	5	42	21	8	4	9	22	35	71			
Bradford City	42	11	8	3	46	30	8	2	10	24	27	67			
Gillingham	43	12	3	6	45	27	6	6	10	21	39	63			
Burnley	42	12	5	3	50	18	4	9	9	24	32	62			
Millwall	42	14	4	3	36	18	2	9	10	27	43	61			
Bolton Wanderers	43	12	4	6	33	16	5	6	10	19	38	61			
Newport County	43	11	8	3	34	26	5	5	11	22	42	61			
Orient	43	13	5	4	39	25	4	4	13	27	49	60			
Wigan Athletic	44	10	5	7	25	18	5	8	9	19	34	58			
Lincoln City	43	10	4	7	39	26	6	5	11	17	33	57			
Preston North End	43	11	5	5	39	24	3	6	13	23	37	53			
AFC Bournemouth	43	10	4	7	33	25	4	2	16	23	46	48			
Rotherham Utd.	42	8	5	8	22	16	4	4	13	25	44	45			
Brentford	43	7	8	6	37	29	3	6	13	27	48	44			
Southend United	43	8	8	6	33	23	2	5	14	20	49	43			
Scunthorpe Utd.	42	8	9	5	36	31	0	9	11	13	35	42			
Plymouth Argyle	42	8	8	4	29	15	2	3	17	17	44	41			
Port Vale	42	8	4	9	31	29	1	5	15	15	50	36			
Exeter City	43	4	8	10	27	37	2	6	13	22	41	32			

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Date	Opponents	Goals F A
1983		
Aug.	31 Burnley	4-0
Sept.	7 Newcastle Utd.	0-2
	14 Derby County	0-6
	20 Manchester Utd.	0-2
	28 Sheffield Wed.	1-2
Oct.	4 Liverpool	0-6
	13 Nottingham F.	0-4
	19 Blackburn R.	2-4
	27 Sheffield Utd	1-3
Nov.	9 Aston Villa	0-4
	15 Everton	1-2
	23 Leeds United	2-0
	30 Stoke City	2-2
Dec	21 Newcastle Utd.	2-1
1984		
Jan.	11 Liverpool	1-2
	17 Derby County	1-0
Feb.	4 West Brom. A.	1-2
	8 Nottingham F.	2-3
	15 Sunderland	2-1
	22 Blackburn R.	2-1
Mar.	14 Sheffield Utd.	1-1
	20 Burnley	1-1
	3 Leeds United	1-4
Apr.	5 Sheffield Wednesday	0-5
	11 Stoke City	1-2
	18 Sunderland	1-2
	25 West Brom. A.	3-1
May	3 Aston Villa	
	9 Everton	
	12 Manchester United	

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN LAST
PROGRAMME

Crossword No. 26

Across: 6. long-serving, 7. Hammers, 8. Pym, 10. Ray,
12. against (versus), 15. halfway-line. Down: 1. Roma,
2. See 5 down, 3. Terry Gray, 4. Ove, 5 & 2dn. Only A
Game?, 9. Billy, 11. Alan, 13 & 14. sent off.

Pick Nick No. 26 — Potters, Stoke.

Mixed Doubles No. 26 — Towers, Lowery.

Quick Quiz No. 26 — 1. "The Biscuitmen", 2.
Brendon Batson, 3. 1959-57, 4. Goal, 5. G'Olé.

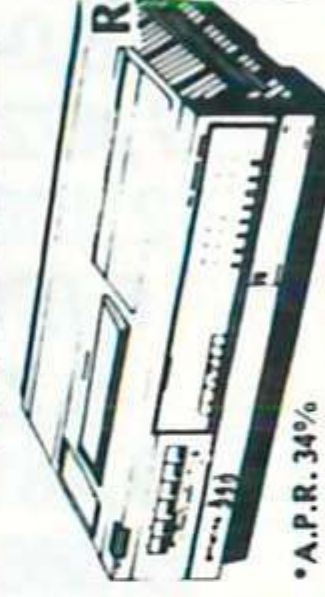
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BOLTON W.	11,059 v Oxford	5,750	Caldwell 18
BOURNEMOUTH	7,220 v Newport	4,097	Morgan 13
BRADFORD C.	9,262 v Sheff. Utd.	4,248	Hawley 22
BRENTFORD	8,042 v Burnley	4,713	Joseph 15
BRISTOL ROV.	7,472 v Sheff. Utd.	5,543	Stephens 12
BURNLEY	12,136 v Bradford C.	6,827	Hamilton 17
EXETER C.	6,870 v Plymouth	3,404	Pratt 16
GILLINGHAM	6,226 v Millwall	4,155	Mehmet 15
HULL CITY	18,461 v Scunthorpe	9,255	Marwood 14
LINCOLN C.	6,686 v Sheff. Utd.	3,283	Thomas 10
MILLWALL	6,709 v Burnley	4,599	Bremner 13
NEWPORT CO.	5,154 v Plymouth	3,171	Aldridge 20
OXFORD UTD.	12,748 v Bristol Rov.	7,488	Biggins 19
ORIENT	4,470 v Burnley	3,143	Kitchen 12
PLYMOUTH A.	10,387 v Exeter	5,208	Tynan 12
PORT VALE	7,034 v Sheff. Utd.	4,105	O'Keefe 10
PRESTON N.E.	8,745 v Burnley	4,550	Elliott 15
ROTHERHAM U.	14,177 v Sheff. Utd.	4,748	Kilmore 10
SCUNTHORPE U.	8,286 v Hull City	3,430	Cammack 17
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	Match Day Price	Purchased up to & including 17th June 1984 (Shareholders dis't included Burnden Lifeline)	Purchased up to & including 22nd July 1984	Purchased up to & including 19th Aug. 1984	Purchased 20 Aug. 1984 onwards
MANCHESTER ROAD STAND					
ADULTS	£3.65	£55.00	£58.50	£62.00	£65.75
JUVENILES & SENIOR CITIZENS	£2.10	£31.00	£33.50	£35.50	£37.75
BLOCK 'A' (WING)					
ADULTS	£2.65	£40.00	£42.50	£45.00	£47.75
SENIOR CITIZENS	£1.55	£23.00	£24.75	£26.00	£28.00
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ADULTS	£3.65	£55.00	£58.50	£62.00	£65.75
JUVENILES & SENIOR CITIZENS	£2.10	£31.00	£33.50	£35.50	£37.75
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ADULTS	£2.00	£28.00	£30.50	£32.25	£34.25
JUVENILES & SENIOR CITIZENS	£1.10	£17.00	£18.00	£19.00	£20.00
ADULT AND 2 JUVENILES	£3.00	£45.00	£48.00	£51.00	£54.00
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ADULTS	£2.00	£28.00	£30.50	£32.25	£34.25
JUVENILES & SENIOR CITIZENS	£1.10	£17.00	£18.00	£19.00	£20.00
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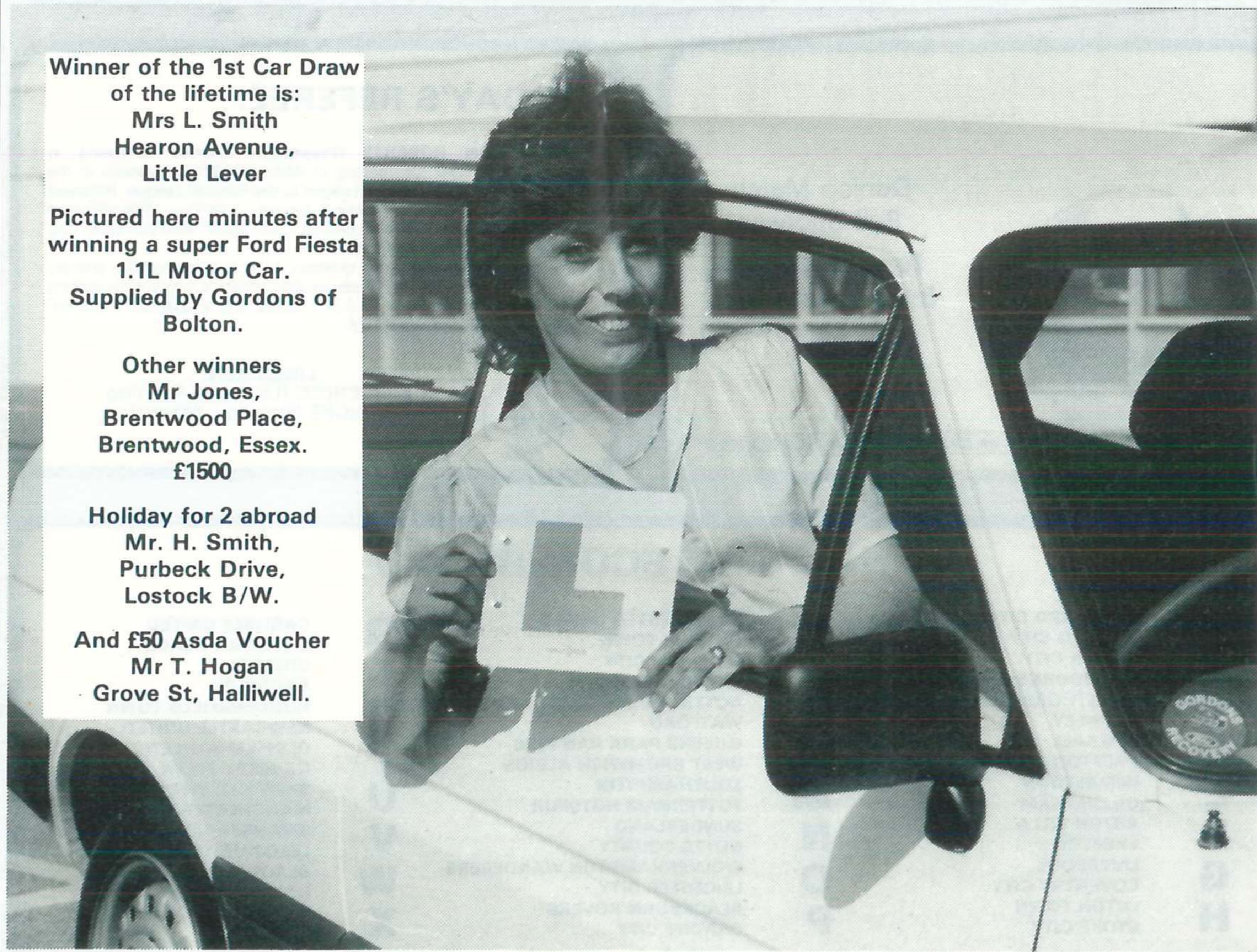
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White & Navy Blue

John Platt	1
Brian Borrows	2
Ray Deakin	3
John McGovern	4
Gerry McElhinney	5
Peter Valentine	6
Steve Thompson	7
Jeff Chandler	8
Wayne Foster	9
Tony Caldwell	10
Graham Bell	11
	12

SHEFFIELD UNITED

Yellow

Paul Tomlinson
Tom Heffernan
Joe Bolton
Kevin Arnott
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TODAY'S REFEREE:

FFRANGCON ROBERTS (Prestatyn). Started refereeing in Stockport in 1970. On moving to Wales in 1974 progressed to the Welsh League and Cheshire League to the Football League. Refereed North Wales Juniors v. Scotland Juniors — 1977; in 1979 officiated the Wales Youth v. Northern Ireland Youth game; lined European Cup matches in both 1980 and 1981.

A married man, with two children, he is headmaster of a primary school and his interests include squash, athletics, home wine making and gardening. He is a F.I.F.A. referee and a qualified Referees' Instructor with the Welsh F.A.



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K. J. BREEN (Liverpool) Red Flag
J. A. HOPE (Runcorn) Yellow Flag

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